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In re the Application of

Kazuyoshi TAMURA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1765

Application No.: 09/696,955

Examiner: M. A. Anderson

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For: SILICON FOCUS RING AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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